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'Life or Death' for Public Unions?

The Supreme Court has decided to hear a case to determine whether public-sector unions can force workers who don't want to belong to give money to the unions anyway. The case has particular import in California, not only because many Democrats depend on union donations but because some teachers have challenged the fees, the [Los Angeles Times](#) reports.

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Markets Surge

Stock markets worldwide leaped early Wednesday after Greece's prime minister indicated his country will finally accept the demands issued by its creditors, [CNBC](#) reports.

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City Worker Wins Discrimination Case

Another day, another potential multi-million dollar city payout for mishandling employees. Los Angeles may have to shell out more than \$4 million to a mentally disabled white park groundskeeper after a state appeal court last week ruled he was the victim of both racial and disability discrimination, the [Los Angeles Daily News](#) reports. And there's no indication the city plans to reprimand the offending supervisor.

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NFL Teams Meet with Garcetti

Even though the San Diego Chargers and Oakland Raiders are considering moving into Carson, not Los Angeles, top officers of the teams met with Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti Tuesday, the [Daily Breeze](#) reports.

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Oil Refiners Again Accused of Manipulation

As sure as night follows day, when gasoline prices go up, consumer groups allege manipulation. And now, Santa Monica's Consumer Watchdog wants an investigation over whether oil refiners are hiking up gas prices by charging branded stations more than independent gas stations, the [Los Angeles Times](#) reports.

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Digital Billboards Get a Viewing

Business and labor groups threw their support behind expanding the



areas in which digital billboards can go up, and a city panel voted unanimously to send such an amendment on to the City Planning Commission, the [Los Angeles Daily News](#) reports.

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[Insurance Merger](#)

In a deal that combines two of the country's largest insurers, Zurich's ACE Ltd. is forking over \$28.3 billion to buy Warren, New Jersey's Chubb Corp., the [Wall Street Journal](#) reports.

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[Border Patrol Possibly Corrupt?](#)

The Homeland Security Department is accusing the Border Patrol of corruption, thanks to the influence of drug cartels, smugglers and other law breakers, the [Los Angeles Times](#) reports.

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[Making Amends](#)

In a startling move to restore diplomatic relations, the United States and Cuba have agreed to open embassies in each other's countries, the [Los Angeles Times](#) reports.

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[Musk Backs Artificial Intelligence Research](#)

Billionaire Elon Musk is looking at the advantages and disadvantages of artificial intelligence as his Future of Life Institute has awarded about \$7 million to teams around the world to research it, [Bloomberg](#) reports.

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[Job Numbers Up in June](#)

The private sector last month added jobs at the fastest pace yet this year with 237,000 positions in June, which was above the 218,000 expected, according to payroll firm ADP, [CNBC](#) reports.

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[Turn Off the Lights](#)

The heat is on, causing state officials to issue a Flex Alert. They are requesting Californians watch how much energy we use and to turn off unused lights and appliances and turn down air conditioning between 2 p.m. and 9 p.m. Wednesday, [LAist](#) reports.

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[Marilyn Monroe's Grave Marker Auctioned for \\$200,000](#)

Marilyn Monroe's simple grave marker is one of the most recognizable anywhere; the movie star's crypt at Pierce Brothers Westwood Village Memorial Park Cemetery regularly draws lifelong fans. It's not surprising then that her old marker was recently sold for more than \$200,000, [NBC Los Angeles](#) reports. And no, a marker is still on her crypt. The one that was auctioned off was removed in the 1970s and replaced with a new one.

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[Stocks Up](#)

The Dow Jones industrial average was up 126 points in early trading Wednesday to 17,746. The S&P 500 was up 14 points to 2,078. The Nasdaq was up 39 points to 5,026. The LBJ Stock Index was up two points to 233.

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